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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please delete the heading at page 1, line 1.

Please amend the title of the application at page 1, line 2 as follows:

-- SURFACE STRUCTURED LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE WITH IMPROVED  
CURRENT COUPLING--

Please insert at page 1, before line 3 the following heading:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, as follows:

--The invention concerns a light-emitting diode. In particular, the invention concerns a structured-surface light-emitting diode in which, to improve the uniformity of current supply, an electrical contact layer has a lateral structure by means of which substantially uniform coupling of the electrical current into the light-emitting diode can be achieved.--

Please insert at page 3, before line 16 the following new heading:

--SUMMARY OF INVENTION--

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